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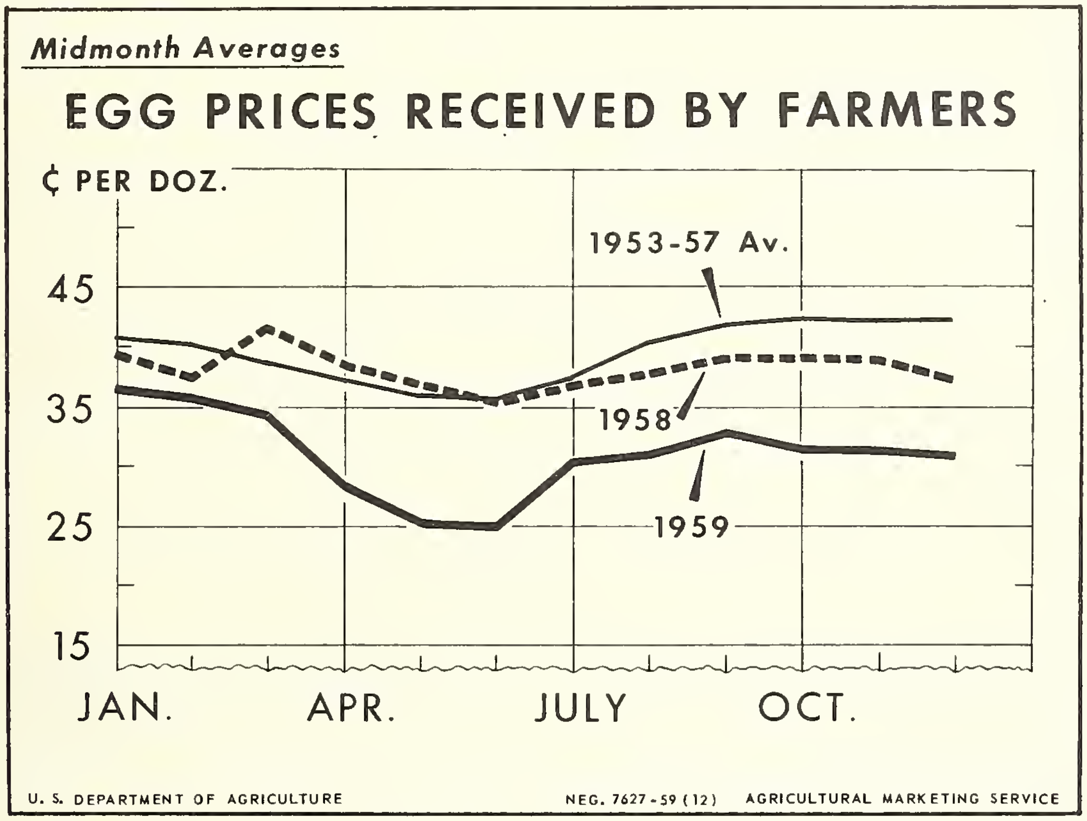
Midmonth Averages

EGG PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS



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Egg prices in 1959 made about the usual seasonal increase from the low levels of May and June. But the initial level was so low that even at their fall peak, prices were sharply below a year earlier. In the first two weeks of 1960, average egg prices showed no increase from the levels of the last 2 or 3 months of 1959, and fell below the same period of 1959 by more than 5 cents per dozen. This difference is likely to be wiped out by spring, since egg prices in the second quarter of this year are not likely to repeat the abrupt decline of last spring.

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THE POULTRY AND EGG SITUATION AT A GLANCE

Item	Unit	Month or date	Average 1948-57	1958	1959	Month or date	Average 1948-57 1/	1958 1/	1959 1/	Comments on current situation
					EGGS					
Farm production	Mil.cases	Nov.	12.1	13.7	13.2	Dec.	13.4	14.6	14.3	
Average number of layers on farms	Mil.	Nov.	344.8	321.4	312.7	Dec.	351.6	326.3	314.1	To continue below year before
Rate of lay per layer	Eggs	Nov.	12.7	15.3	15.2	Dec.	13.8	16.1	16.3	
Apparent disappearance, shell eggs per civilian	Eggs	Oct.	28.8	27.1	26.0	Nov.	29.2	27.6	25.7	
Frozen egg production	Mil. lb.	Oct.	10.9	9.4	11.7	Nov.	3.9	8.5	11.9	
Dried egg production	Mil. lb.	Oct.	1.2	1.5	2.1	Nov.	1.0	1.7	1.8	Government program resumes in January
Price received by farmers	Ct.per doz.	Nov.	47.0	38.9	31.3	Dec.	45.9	37.0	30.7	
Price received by farmers as a percentage of parity	Pct.	Nov.	82	73	61	Dec.	81	70	61	
Retail price (AMS)	Ct.per doz.	Oct.	69.1	60.0	53.8	Nov.	67.2	58.9	52.1	
Egg-feed price ratio	Lb. feed	Nov.	12.9	11.8	9.5	Dec.	12.5	11.0	9.3	Will discourage 1960 hatchings
Stocks:										
Shell	Thous.cases	Dec. 1	300	140	29.7	Jan. 1	152	53	191	
Frozen	Mil. lb.	Dec. 1	92.0	73.4	96.2	Jan. 1	67.6	57.1	78.4	
Replacement chicks hatched	Mil.	Nov.	---	16.2	13.5	Dec.	---	19.6	13.7	
Farm price of poultry ration	Dol.per cwt	Nov.	3.64	3.29	3.31	Dec.	3.68	3.35	3.31	
					POULTRY					
Price received by farmers for chickens, live										
Broilers	Ct. per lb.	Nov.	24.5	15.8	15.0	Dec.	23.4	15.1	17.6	)Picked up in December,
Farm chickens	Ct. per lb.	Nov.	20.0	12.0	9.6	Dec.	20.3	12.5	10.4	) compared with earlier
All chickens	Ct. per lb.	Nov.	22.2	14.9	13.8	Dec.	20.6	14.6	16.2	) in 1959
Price received by farmers for all chickens as a percentage of parity	Pct.	Nov.	74	52	51	Dec.	74	51	60	
Retail price of broilers and fryers ready-to-cook (AMS)	Ct. per lb.	Oct.	53.9	42.6	40.6	Nov.	54.0	42.7	40.8	
Price received by farmers for turkeys, live	Ct. per lb.	Nov.	32.6	23.0	24.9	Dec.	34.2	23.3	29.7	Rose sharply in December
Stocks:										
Poultry, excluding turkeys	Mil. lb.	Dec. 1	152.8	169.4	169.5	Jan. 1	152.2	184.5	164.4	
Turkeys	Mil. lb.	Dec. 1	135.4	207.8	183.3	Jan. 1	121.8	162.1	151.0	
Broiler-feed price ratio	Lb. feed	Nov.	4.8	3.4	3.2	Dec.	4.6	3.1	3.8	
Turkey-feed price ratio	Lb. feed	Nov.	9.0	7.0	7.5	Dec.	9.3	7.0	9.0	
Average weekly placement of chicks in 22 important States	Mil.	Nov.	---	28.1	26.7	Dec.	---	29.7	28.0	Through December below 1959; but later egg settings were up

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1/ Except where the entries relate to January; in those cases they refer to 1949-58, 1959, or 1960 respectively. 2/ Preliminary.

THE POULTRY AND EGG SITUATION

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SUMMARY

Broiler and turkey prices at the beginning of 1960 were notably higher than average prices for those commodities during most of 1959, but egg prices were weak, and drifting downward under pressure of seasonally increasing supplies. The Department of Agriculture has announced a resumption of the purchase program for dried egg solids. Initial purchases of about 225 thousand pounds were made in the second week of January.

The recent prices and the generally disappointing 1959 experiences of egg producers are likely to lead to a reduced hatch of replacement chicks this spring, and to some recovery in egg prices as the year progresses into summer and fall, Hatchings of replacement chicks in recent months have been below the year before - in December, by 30 percent. January 1 eggs in incubators were 26 percent below last year. If hatchery output continues below last year, springtime demand for eggs for storage will be encougaged. Prices after mid-spring are likely to exceed year-earlier levels, even before the reductions in the hatch are fully reflected in the size of the national laying flock.

Monthly production of eggs, though increasing seasonally, fell below a year earlier in the last three months of 1959, and is likely to remain lower in all of 1960. The January 1 number of layers - 315 million - was 4 percent below last January 1, the decline slightly more than offsetting the increase of almost 4 percent for the same date in rate of lay per bird.

Broiler prices rose sharply early in December, and the mid-month average of 17.6 cents per pound was the highest in 15 months. Despite a decline from the December peaks, prices in early January remained higher than in most of 1959. Settings of broiler-type eggs in incubators in recent weeks have turned upward from last year, reversing an 8-month trend. Through February, however, broiler marketings will continue below last year.

Turkey prices to farmers in mid-December were the highest since early 1956, and markets have been steady since then. Hatchings -- particularly for heavy breed white turkeys -- have responded to these prices, and the 1960 crop is likely to exceed the 1959 record of 82 million birds.

REVIEW AND OUTLOOK

Fewer Replacement Chicks Hatched

Hatchery operations in the past few months, though seasonally small, have tended to substantiate the expectation that the 1960 hatch of replacement chicks will be smaller than 1959. (Table 5.) Except for 1957, the 401 million chickens raised (excluding broilers) in 1959 were the fewest since estimates were begun in 1909. The survey of farmers' 1960 intentions to raise chickens will be reported in the February Crop Report.

The egg-feed price ratio, which in the past has served as a predictor of the hatch, has been below the year before throughout 1959. While the ratio may rise to year-ago levels about mid-spring, the reduction in hatchings by then is unlikely to be offset by possible increases later in the year.

Hatchings of egg-type chicks before January 1 were consistently below last year. This suggests that the cuts will be continued in early 1960. October, November, and December hatchings of egg-type chicks were respectively 15, 17, and 30 percent below 1958. January 1 eggs in incubators were 26 percent fewer than last year.

The distribution of these cuts was relatively uniform by regions. All of the 9 regions participated in the December decrease in replacement chicks hatched. Cuts were sharpest in the Northeast and South. Also, all of the 9 regions shared in the January 1 decrease in eggs in incubators. Again, the cuts were sharpest in the Northeast and South.

These recent percentage cuts in hatchings are probably sharper than will be sustained as an average for the season. But they are a strong indication for a cut for the year as a whole.

Monthly Egg Production To Continue Below Year Before

Since October, monthly egg production in the United States has been below the year before (table 6), and it is likely to continue below last year throughout 1960. 1/ This is expected because of the decline from last year in the size of the national laying flock. Rates of lay per hen are unlikely to increase enough to offset the reduction in the flock. In fact, the rate of lay in November and early December was lower than at the same time a year earlier.

As of January 1, 1960, the national laying flock was 315 million birds, 4 percent fewer than a year earlier. The number of pullets not yet of laying age - 29 million - was 20 percent below last year. These cuts resulted from the 7 percent fewer chickens raised for laying flock replacement in 1959 than in 1958. They indicate that the flock will continue smaller than last year, at least until early fall. After that, the size of the laying flock will be increasingly influenced by the number of chicks hatched this spring. Since the hatch is likely to be below 1959 (see following section of this report) the flock probably will continue smaller than in 1959 throughout 1960.

Ordinarily, in all months except during the springtime flush, a moderate cut in numbers of layers would be offset by increases in rate of lay. But in November, the rate of lay per bird was lower than a year earlier, and the recovery in December was attributed to mild weather, suggesting that normal expectations from the current flock is for a rate of lay no higher than last year. A factor in this is the high proportion of hens in the current flock. Adult hens in their second year of lay are less productive than pullet flocks. On October 1, 1959, the laying flock was 52 percent hens, 48 percent pullets, compared with a 49:51 ratio a year before that. The hen-pullet composition of the January 1, 1960 laying flock will be reported in a February release covering January 1 numbers of livestock on farms.

Storage Demand A Key To Egg Prices During Spring

The seasonal increase of storage and breaking demand will temper the price effects of the seasonally increasing supplies for the next few months. Egg production next fall is likely to continue lower than the year before, and prospects point to a seasonal rise in prices. This expectation will tend to encourage storage of eggs in the spring, both in the shell and frozen, even though profits from storage operations in 1959 were disappointing. If storage demand this spring develops favorably, it would support egg prices at that time. Thus the prospects for a smaller flock and reduced production later in the year would strengthen prices before the reduction in output actually occurs.

Eggs stored in the spring of 1959 and held for the full season generally did not move out of storage at prices that allowed a speculative profit. Particularly for shell eggs held into November and December, the value after storage was often less than the into-storage costs plus handling charges. For frozen egg products, table 3 shows that the increase in prices from the season low to the end of the year was mostly very gradual, and for some items even failed to materialize in any significant degree. For mixed whole egg recent prices have been even lower than during most months of 1959.

Present storage stocks of both shell and frozen eggs are larger than at this time last year. (Tables 2 and 4.) Percentagewise, the increases are quite large - on January 1, about 260 and 37 percent respectively. However, these percentages are based on seasonally low stocks, and the comparisons are less significant than

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1/ Although production on farms has been down, weekly receipts of eggs by large handlers in recent months has continued above the year before. See tables 7 and 8.

similar computations based on peak holdings. As percentages of the peak first-of-month stocks reported during 1959, the increases in January 1 stocks over a year earlier were only 13 and 14 percent, respectively.

Egg Prices Steady In Last 3 Months of 1959

Average egg prices were almost steady in the last 3 months of 1959, at a level slightly lower than the fall peak of 32.8 cents per dozen reached in mid-September. The mid-December average price received by farmers was 30.7 cents per dozen, 6.3 cents below December 1958. (Table 1.)

Egg prices well into the spring are likely to hold fairly steady and to average slightly below those of the last month or two. Production will rise seasonally until early spring, but part of the increased output will, as usual, be stored. For the remainder of the first quarter of 1960 egg prices are likely to continue below 1959, when the January-March average was 35.4 cents per dozen, but prices in the second quarter are likely to be above the low figures of last year. The April-June 1959 average was 26.0 cents per dozen.

The stability in the average prices the last few months obscures the considerable variation that occurred in the prices of particular grades (table 1). The daily range of wholesale prices of large nearby white eggs in New York City, for example, dropped from a peak of 53-57 cents per dozen in the week of September 21 to 34-38 cents in the middle of the following month. (These prices are in each instance the daily range of U.S.D.A. quotations). On January 11, this grade was quoted at 30 1/2-34 1/2 cents per dozen.

Prices of high-quality large midwestern eggs showed about the same amount of variation in Chicago as in New York. From September 1, 1959 to the end of December, the range of top wholesale quotations for large white eggs (60-79 percent A's) in Chicago was from 45 1/2 cents per dozen on September 24 to 26 1/2-27 1/2 cents on the last day of the year. Prices for Grade A large eggs to Iowa producers meanwhile varied within the range of 38-40 cents (late September) to 21-23 cents (late November).

Pacific Coast prices during September-December were sometimes higher than in the rest of the country, although differences in the bases of the quotations in different markets make direct comparisons difficult. Pacific Coast quotations are on the basis of delivered prices to retailers. Those for Los Angeles cover only cartoned eggs. Prices for eggs delivered to retailers in San Francisco are indicated in table 1.

The prices of medium eggs have declined less since early fall than the prices of large eggs, because the proportion of medium eggs in the total supply has declined. Prices for large eggs were about at their seasonal peak in September.

The regional differences in terminal market egg prices are largely reflected in prices received by farmers in adjacent production areas. However, an exact comparison of prices to producers is complicated by variations in who performs such practices as cleaning and sorting, and in degrees of quality maintenance on the farm, and by differences in arrangements concerning cost of cases, and pickup. On account of differences in husbandry and handling practices, the norms of egg quality vary among producing areas - for example, the quality of the general run of eggs marketed on the Pacific Coast is thought to be among the highest in the United States. Therefore, precise comparisons of producers' prices cannot be made directly from the data at hand, but country-point quotations for eggs in late December were nearly the same in up-State New York and in California interior points, while corresponding mid-Western quotations were, as is normal, appreciably lower.

USDA Resumes Purchase of Dried Whole Egg Solids

On December 28 the Department of Agriculture announced resumption of purchases of dried whole egg solids as a means of stabilizing egg prices to producers. The program was terminated last September when egg prices had achieved some seasonal rise. In recent weeks prices to producers have fallen to relatively low levels.

Purchases will be made with Section 32 surplus removal funds. The product bought will be made available to State agencies for distribution to the school lunch program and to needy persons.

First offerings under the program were due Tuesday, January 12, and initial purchases of about 225 thousand pounds were made at prices between $.988 and $1.028 per pound. Additional offers of sale will be considered weekly until further notice. The quantities to be bought weekly will depend on offering prices in relation to prevailing producer prices. The duration of the purchase program will depend on general market demands as reflected in prevailing prices to farmers in the weeks ahead.

Broiler Prices Recovered in December

Broiler prices picked up sharply on the last day of November and in early December, and have held sufficient of those gains so that in early January they remained higher than during most of 1959. Based on earlier chick placements, marketings have been below the year before for some months, and will continue so through February.

The mid-December U. S. average price for broilers was 17.6 cents per pound. This was - by a small margin - the highest mid-month price reported in 1959, and was considerably above the 15.1 cents for December 1958. (Table 10.) During the middle of December, "mostly" prices at farms in DelMarVa and Georgia were 20.5-20.9 and 18 cents respectively. Although they later receded somewhat, a recovery in the second week of January restored prices to mostly 18.50-18.90

in DelMarVa and mostly above 18 cents on the Georgia Auction. At this level they probably are high enough to induce some expansion in production.

For the last 34 weeks of 1959, weekly hatchings of broiler chicks had been below 1958, generally about 6 percent. But, on the heels of the broiler price increase, settings of eggs in incubators moved upward in the middle of December, and in the two latest weeks available (to January 9) were both 6 percent above the year before. Chicks hatched from these eggs will be ready for market about mid-March.

In view of the 24 percent cut from last year in the amount of female broiler breeder stock sold in the United States since May by leading producers (table 12), a rapid increase in the number of eggs set will be difficult to accomplish, requiring premium prices to draw out hatching egg supply, and more lenient weight standards for the eggs to be incubated. In December, the U. S. average broiler chick price was 10.7 cents per chick, highest since March, and up 0.4 cents from the month before. In the preceding December the 12.0 cent price was unchanged from October and November, which were the lowest of that year.

Last summer, 2 of the reports on broiler supplies showed opposite changes from the year before. The Broiler Placement Report indicated that late summer marketings would be down. However, the Slaughter Report for late summer indicated an increase. More recently, both series have indicated the same direction of change. From the last week of November through December the Slaughter Report showed smaller slaughter than in any other 6-week period since late 1958. Table 14 shows that a very sharp cut in weekly slaughter of young chickens (principally broilers) preceded the December price rise.

Rise in Turkey Prices to Induce Larger 1960 Crop

Turkey prices have risen sharply in the past 2 months, and in early January live prices at the farm were probably the highest since mid-1956. Because January 1 storage stocks are 11 million pounds below last year (7 percent), (table 22), and slaughter in the next 6 months will be seasonally light, turkey prices are likely to remain firm until about mid-year. After mid-year, current slaughter is likely to exceed current consumption, and the excess will, as usual, go into storage for use during the holidays and later. The demand for storage will be influenced by the size of the turkey crop then in prospect. The crop is likely to be up significantly, suggesting that turkey prices in the last half of 1960 may not be up to the levels of late 1959.

In mid-December, farmers received an average of 29.7 cents per pound for turkeys, up from 24.9 cents the month before, and 22.5 cents in December 1958 (table 15). To early January, turkey prices had held these earlier gains.

Except during the period when new-crop supplies replaced the old, prices for heavy tom turkeys were firm throughout 1959. They rose markedly as marketings from the 1958 crop were finished. Frozen eviscerated heavy toms were the highest-priced class of turkey at wholesale for most of the year.

Turkey prices increased in 1959, even though the number raised was a record, 82 million, 5 percent more than in 1958. The prices for toms early in the year were related to the quantity of such birds available in storage from the 1958 crop, and the price level established for those birds continued for the 1959 crop as well. On February 1, 1959, for example, tom turkeys in storage were 27 percent fewer than a year earlier, and demand for such birds in the heaviest weight classes meanwhile continued strong. As a consequence, frozen heavy tom turkeys in New York from February through mid-summer were 4-12 cents per pound above the year before, typically ranging from 50-53 cents per pound during the summer, at wholesale.

For hens, prices were weak in August and September, when heavy marketings from the 1959 crop began, and the greatest price pickup occurred in November and December, when production, as indicated by the volume of hatchings in preceding months, was smaller than the preceding year.

Because of the improvement in turkey prices, the 1960 crop is likely to set a new record. Hatchings of heavy breed poults from September 1959 through December were 32 percent (1.3 million poults) above 1958 (table 17), and January 1 eggs in incubators were 28 percent above last year. These increases are only partly offset by declines for light breed turkeys, and hatchings of all turkeys were up only about 1 1/2 percent in the same months. A larger increase than this could readily be carried through the entire season of hatchings for the 1960 turkey crop.

The class of turkeys for which hatchings have recently shown the most consistent increases are heavy white turkeys. One of their advantages is that their white feathers make it practical - if market conditions so indicate - to dress them at immature weights, which makes them competitive with Beltsville Turkeys, or to feed them practically to the weights of Bronze turkeys. The increase in the number of heavy white turkeys is at the expense of Beltsville numbers; Bronze hatchings continue to increase, although at a slower rate than the heavy whites.

Technical Bulletin on Egg Prices

An explanation and measurement of some of the complex relationships between egg supply and prices are presented in a new USDA Technical Bulletin, No. 1204, The Demand, Supply, and Price Structure for Eggs by Martin J. Gerra. Single copies are available without charge from the Marketing Information Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D. C.

On the average in the years covered by the analysis, the most appropriate estimates of the demand for eggs show that a 10 percent change in the retail price is usually associated with a change of about 4 percent in the opposite direction in consumption of eggs per person, when allowance is made statistically for the back-and-forth relationship of supply, consumption, and price. When allowance is not made for the back-and-forth relationship, but only the change in consumption that would be expected for a given price change is considered, a lower estimate is obtained -- a 10 percent change in retail price is associated with a change of 1 percent in the opposite direction in consumption of eggs per person.

The effect of consumer income on the consumption of eggs was found to be very small. If income per person increased about 10 percent, and the price of eggs and other variables remained unchanged, egg consumption per person would rise about 1 percent.

The bulletin reports that the supply of pullets raised varies in response to the January-June average egg-feed price ratio. The number of layers sold varies in response to the annual average egg-feed price ratio. On the average, a 1 percent increase in the January-June average egg-feed price ratio is associated with about a 0.4 percent increase in the number of pullets raised. A 1 percent increase in the annual average egg-feed ratio is associated, on the average, with a 0.4 to a 0.7 percent decrease in the number of layers sold and consumed on farms where produced.

Also included in the bulletin are discussions and analyses of the factors which influence producers in formulating expectations of price, of price differentials due to differences in quality and size, and of the relationship of spot prices and future prices.

Table 1.--Egg prices, selected dates, 1959-60, with comparisons

Item	1958-59					1959-60			
	Oct. 15	Nov. 14	Dec. 16	Jan. 15	Feb. 14	Oct. 15	Nov. 16	Dec. 15	Jan. 8
	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
U. S. average price received by farmers, per dozen	39.0	38.9	37.0	36.4	35.8	31.6	31.3	30.7	
Iowa prices received by farmers, per dozen 1/:									
Grade A, Large	34-38	37-38	29-31	28-30	28-30	24-25	23-24	23-24	20-21
Grade A, Medium	21-23	24-26	22-24	24-26	25-26	16-18	15-16	16-18	16-17
New York, wholesale prices Midwestern, Mixed colors, per dozen:									
Fancy heavy-weights	45½-47	46-47½	39½-40½	39-41	37½-39	32½-33½	32-33	32½-33½	29-30½
Extras 1, Medium	29½-30½	34-35	32½-33½	35½-37	35½-36½	22-23	24-25	27-28	26-27
Nearby whites, per dozen:									
Extra fancy, heavy-weights	52-55	49-52	45-49	42-45	37-40½	35-39	35½-40	36-40	30-34½
Medium	32-33	37-38	34½-35	38-39	36½-37½	22-23	26½-27½	28-29	26½-28
Small (pullets)	25½-26½	28½-29½	30½-31½	35½-36½	33½-34½	18-19	23-24	24-25	23½-24½
Frozen egg, per pound 2/									
Mixed whole egg, spring pack	28-32	31-33	30-32	31-32	31-32½	23-24½	24-26	3/23¼-24½	4/23½-26
Yolk 5/	61-62	61-63	60½-62½	60½-62	61-62	52-53	52-53	3/49-52	4/ 50-54
Albumen	11-13	12-13½	11-13	10½-12	10-12	9-10½	9¼-10½	3/9-10	4/ 8½-9½
Chicago									
Wholesale price, f.o.b. per dozen:									
Mixed colors, extras, Large	42½	43-44	36½-37	37	34-35	32-33	29-30	29-30	25½-26½
Medium	29½-30½	32-33	31-32	34½	33½-34	20-21	23½	25-26	24-25
Future contracts:									
September delivery (closing price)	36.20	36.50	35.40	36.15	35.90		6/34.75	34.40	34.90
San Francisco, price to retailers, per dozen:									
Grade A, Large	45-49	47-51	47-51	44-48	43-47	41-45	38-42	40-44	42-46
Grade A, Medium	37-42	40-45	45-50	39-44	39-43	36-40	31-35	36-40	40-44

1/ "Mostly," except where otherwise stated. 2/ Carlots, weekly price. 3/ Week ending Dec. 18. 4/ Week ending Jan. 8 5/ Highest color quoted. 6/ 1960 contract began Nov. 23.

Table 2.--Shell eggs: Storage stocks, first-of-month, United States, 1950 to date; weekly, 35 cities, February 1959 to date

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	1,000 cases	1,000 cases	1,000 cases	1,000 cases	1,000 cases	1,000 cases	1,000 cases	1,000 cases	1,000 cases	1,000 cases	1,000 cases	1,000 cases
						(a) Monthly, United States						
1950	110	380	735	1,296	2,147	3,412	3,667	3,163	2,568	1,558	502	61
1951	34	75	159	309	973	2,083	2,427	2,270	1,615	958	527	230
1952	141	238	942	1,596	2,184	3,184	3,357	2,728	2,169	1,709	1,000	393
1953	153	120	248	375	816	1,431	1,513	1,199	827	494	288	137
1954	89	73	133	442	728	1,348	1,639	1,435	1,031	833	636	325
1955	193	235	258	479	1,183	2,088	2,292	2,244	1,680	1,140	804	333
1956	111	299	306	309	638	1,200	1,453	1,259	1,020	727	616	525
1957	320	328	519	932	1,208	1,719	1,812	1,507	1,174	895	552	302
1958	209	171	105	79	322	705	852	712	494	290	207	140
1959	53	57	52	107	532	1,004	1,054	888	739	554	469	297
1960	191											
						(b) Weekly, 35 cities						
Weeks	1960	1959										
First	166	32	29	75	416	867	883	790	675	517	426	252
Second		29	24	141	567	913	872	765	645	413	395	222
Third		27	41	223	634	942	853	737	595	458	367	193
Fourth		27	37	318	751	916	824	711	549	449	316	179
Fifth					820			704			284	

Table 3.--Frozen egg, by types: Stocks and New York wholesale prices per pound, 1955 to date, with comparisons

Item	Year	Unit	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Albumen:														
Stocks on first of month	1955	Mil.lb.	25	21	20	25	37	50	54	54	47	37	30	23
	1956	Mil.lb.	17	11	9	15	25	39	50	52	50	45	40	34
	1957	Mil.lb.	28	26	24	26	33	43	53	56	52	46	39	32
	1958	Mil.lb.	26	24	23	21	25	35	45	47	45	40	32	27
	1959	Mil.lb.	22	19	18	20	27	33	40	39	36	33	29	24
	1960	Mil.lb.	21											
Average prices, first full week of month	1955	Ct.	15¾	20	21	18¾	19	19½	21	20	21½	23½	23½	24¼
	1956	Ct.	27	28	27½	23¾	24¼	23¼	23	22¼	21¾	21	18¾	17¾
	1957	Ct.	16¼	15¼	14¾	14	14	12½	12½	12	14	14	15	17
	1958	Ct.	16¼	13¾	13	13½	145/8	13	13	11½	11	11¾	12¼	12
	1959	Ct.	11¼	11	10¾	9	10¼	10½	10½	10½	10¼	10	10	9½
	1960	Ct.	9											
Yolk:														
Stocks on first of month	1955	Mil.lb.	18	16	17	23	32	43	50	49	46	41	35	29
	1956	Mil.lb.	23	18	15	20	29	38	44	46	41	38	32	26
	1957	Mil.lb.	20	17	15	17	23	29	35	39	36	31	26	21
	1958	Mil.lb.	15	12	11	10	15	26	38	37	35	30	26	20
	1959	Mil.lb.	16	12	11	15	25	33	43	42	39	36	30	25
	1960	Mil.lb.	20											
Average prices, first full week of month 1/	1955	Ct.	53	53	58½	50¼	53	52	52	51	52½	54½	54	54
	1956	Ct.	54½	54½	53	50½	51¾	49½	51½	53	53½	53½	54½	54½
	1957	Ct.	53	52½	51½	49½	52	51½	52½	2/	52½	53½	54½	2/
	1958	Ct.	2/	53½	58½	62	61½	62	62	61	61	61½	61½	64
	1959	Ct.	61½	61¼	60½	53½	51¾	50	53	54½	54½	52½	52½	50½
	1960	Ct.	52											
Mixed whole:														
Stocks on first of month	1955	Mil.lb.	29	25	23	32	52	71	81	82	78	69	56	44
	1956	Mil.lb.	29	19	15	22	35	56	69	71	69	63	54	44
	1957	Mil.lb.	34	28	23	30	46	63	72	73	68	62	51	40
	1958	Mil.lb.	29	23	21	17	23	35	46	50	48	44	33	24
	1959	Mil.lb.	17	14	14	17	31	49	61	64	67	60	55	41
	1960	Mil.lb.	34											
Average prices, first full week of month 3/	1955	Ct.	26	32¾	32½	28¼	29¼	28½	29	30	29½	30½	29	31
	1956	Ct.	34¼	33½	2/	31¾	33½	32	32	32	31¾	30¾	28½	28¼
	1957	Ct.	25¼	26½	26	26	26	25¾	24¾	26	28	29	30	32
	1958	Ct.	29¾	29	30½	31	31¾	30¾	31¾	29¾	30	29¼	30¾	31¼
	1959	Ct.	29½	31¾	28¼	24¾	24¾	24¼	25½	25	24¼	23¾	24¼	23½
	1960	Ct.	24¾											

1/ Highest color quoted.

2/ Insufficient wholesale sales to report prices.

3/ "Spring pack" whenever quoted separately.

"Unclassified" frozen egg is not included in this table.

Table 4.--Storage stocks of frozen egg: First-of-month, United States, 1950 to date; weekly, 35 cities, February 1959 to date

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.
	(a) Monthly, United States											
1950	54	55	73	117	155	180	188	175	155	133	104	76
1951	47	31	33	62	109	163	190	191	176	151	122	95
1952	67	53	61	84	111	146	166	163	144	124	95	72
1953	50	35	42	65	99	132	160	153	133	110	87	61
1954	42	38	42	92	136	167	186	181	161	139	118	95
1955	75	66	63	84	126	171	194	195	180	155	128	101
1956	74	51	42	61	95	140	172	177	168	152	132	109
1957	87	75	66	78	108	140	167	177	165	147	124	99
1958	75	64	60	53	68	101	134	140	134	117	94	73
1959	57	47	46	55	85	119	149	152	149	135	120	
1960												
	(b) Weekly, 35 cities											
Weeks	1960	1959										
First	46	22	22	28	42	69	87	89	85	77	66	55
Second		22	23	31	47	74	88	90	84	58	63	53
Third		22	25	34	53	79	89	88	82	73	60	51
Fourth		22	26	38	59	84	89	88	80	71	58	48
Fifth					64			86		68		

Table 5.--Monthly hatchings of replacement-type chicks, available data, and replacement-type eggs in incubators, January 1960, and chickens raised, United States, 1955 to date

Item	1955	1956	1957	1958 1/	1959 2/	1960
	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Pct.
Hatchings						
January	32.9	39.3	30.5	34.0	35.4	3/(74)
February	71.2	84.0	56.3	61.6	59.9	
March	148.8	149.5	109.4	112.9	120.2	
April	163.9	159.4	129.4	135.4	132.9	
May	107.9	108.8	90.8	109.7	87.9	
June	32.7	34.7	27.9	40.4	26.6	
July	14.9	15.4	11.9	18.2	14.4	
August	12.6	14.3	10.2	14.8	13.0	
September	14.1	14.8	12.3	16.6	13.8	
October	16.6	17.1	13.0	16.9	14.4	
November	15.5	14.7	12.2	16.2	13.5	
December	17.5	15.9	15.7	19.6	13.7	
Total, calendar year	648.6	667.9	519.5	596.3	545.7	
Total, 12 months ending July of given year		667.4	533.0	575.6	574.4	
Chickens raised, calendar year	461.9	478.6	396.6	431.8	400.7	

1/ Revised.

2/ Preliminary.

3/ Eggs in incubagors first of month as a percentage of preceding year

Table 6.--Number of layers on farms, rate of egg production, and total egg output on farms, monthly data, August 1954 to date

Item and year	Unit	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July
(a) Monthly average data													
Average number of layers on hand	Mil.												
1954-55		283	307	331	342	345	338	328	319	306	294	283	276
1955-56		280	299	321	331	334	331	325	315	305	294	285	281
1956-57		288	306	323	332	336	332	324	314	303	293	282	277
1957-58		283	298	311	318	321	318	311	304	295	287	281	279
1958-59		284	298	312	321	326	324	318	312	303	292	281	276
1959-60		281	294	307	313	314							
Eggs laid per 100 layers	Eggs												
1954-55		1,475	1,366	1,384	1,376	1,482	1,548	1,491	1,800	1,844	1,900	1,751	1,672
1955-56		1,537	1,417	1,444	1,412	1,492	1,562	1,586	1,832	1,839	1,891	1,745	1,694
1956-57		1,585	1,452	1,492	1,459	1,559	1,602	1,539	1,861	1,872	1,918	1,772	1,714
1957-58		1,613	1,481	1,478	1,447	1,574	1,655	1,531	1,798	1,863	1,934	1,794	1,752
1958-59		1,650	1,517	1,546	1,532	1,614	1,659	1,604	1,907	1,910	1,959	1,824	1,787
1959-60		1,682	1,544	1,558	1,517	1,634							
Total monthly egg production	Mil. cs.												
1954-55		11.6	11.7	12.7	13.1	14.2	14.5	13.6	15.9	15.7	15.5	13.8	12.8
1955-56		11.9	11.8	12.9	13.0	13.8	14.4	14.3	16.0	15.6	15.5	13.8	13.2
1956-57		12.7	12.3	13.4	13.4	14.5	14.8	13.8	16.2	15.8	15.6	13.9	13.2
1957-58		12.7	12.3	12.8	12.8	14.0	14.6	13.2	15.2	15.3	15.4	14.0	13.6
1958-59		13.0	12.5	13.4	13.7	14.6	14.9	14.2	16.5	16.1	15.9	14.3	13.7
1959-60		13.1	12.6	13.3	13.2	14.3							
(b) First-of-month data													
Number of layers on hand	Mil.												
1954-55		274	291	323	339	346	344	332	325	312	300	287	278
1955-56		274	285	314	328	335	333	329	321	309	300	289	281
1956-57		281	294	317	329	334	337	328	320	309	298	287	277
1957-58		277	289	307	315	321	321	314	307	300	290	283	278
1958-59		280	289	306	317	326	327	320	316	309	298	287	276
1959-60		277	286	302	312	313	315						
Eggs laid per 100 layers	Eggs												
1954-55		48.6	46.5	44.5	44.8	46.9	48.7	51.1	55.4	60.7	62.3	60.3	56.6
1955-56		51.2	47.9	46.6	46.7	47.6	48.7	52.0	57.4	60.8	61.8	60.3	56.1
1956-57		53.2	49.0	47.8	48.5	48.8	51.7	51.7	58.2	61.9	63.0	60.8	57.3
1957-58		53.3	50.7	48.0	47.4	49.1	52.5	54.3	55.1	60.9	63.3	61.5	58.1
1958-59		54.9	51.6	49.5	50.3	52.0	52.3	54.8	59.8	63.3	64.0	62.5	59.2
1959-60		56.1	52.4	50.5	49.9	51.2	54.2						
Daily rate of egg production	Mil. eggs												
1954-55		133	135	144	152	162	168	170	180	190	187	173	158
1955-56		140	137	146	153	159	162	171	184	188	185	174	157
1956-57		150	144	152	160	163	174	169	186	191	188	175	159
1957-58		148	147	147	149	158	169	171	169	183	184	174	162
1958-59		154	149	152	159	169	171	176	189	195	191	179	164
1959-60		155	150	153	156	160	171						

Table 7 .--Weekly commercial egg movement, 1958 to date

Week ending	Receipts from farmers					Deliveries to egg breakers				
	1958		1959			1958		1959		
	Percentage of --					Percentage of --				
	Preceding week	First week of year	Preceding week	First week of year	Preceding year	Preceding week	First week of year	Preceding week	First week of year	Preceding year
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Jan. 4	---	---	---	---	105	---	---	---	---	94
11	108	108	103	103	104	121	121	147	147	92
18	94	102	98	100	108	102	123	95	139	89
25	101	103	106	106	107	102	126	102	142	96
31	101	104	101	107	105	121	152	134	190	100
Feb. 7	98	102	102	110	106	99	151	109	207	104
14	97	98	100	110	107	99	149	110	227	116
21	96	95	98	108	106	111	166	110	250	141
28	102	96	102	110	115	88	146	112	280	160
Mar. 7	101	97	101	112	113	92	134	104	292	196
14	103	100	101	113	115	119	160	112	326	188
21	102	102	101	114	118	107	171	96	314	171
28	103	105	98	111	115	129	220	104	327	148
Apr. 4	99	104	108	121	111	113	249	116	381	144
11	97	101	103	124	107	110	274	101	385	161
18	105	106	96	119	112	120	329	107	412	140
25	103	109	94	112	110	116	381	92	380	120
May 2	101	111	112	125	110	112	427	103	393	111
9	99	109	89	111	115	93	397	103	405	126
16	100	109	112	125	111	97	385	115	465	120
23	101	111	101	126	109	97	374	92	426	128
30	96	106	93	117	108	91	340	89	378	123
June 6	101	107	101	118	106	101	343	110	417	123
13	98	105	100	118	106	95	326	99	412	113
20	97	102	91	107	109	93	303	88	363	113
27	99	101	93	100	109	96	291	83	301	115
July 4	95	96	95	95	109	72	210	82	247	138
11	103	99	108	102	104	104	218	107	265	121
18	99	98	96	98	104	97	212	89	236	120
25	98	96	103	101	106	94	199	96	226	119
Aug. 1	99	95	95	97	108	95	189	104	235	143
8	98	93	100	96	109	93	176	94	220	124
15	98	91	103	99	110	96	169	90	197	129
22	100	91	105	104	108	106	179	101	199	124
29	101	92	96	100	107	86	154	95	189	132
Sept. 5	98	90	96	96	110	79	121	96	183	172
12	97	87	100	96	105	105	128	78	143	151
19	99	87	109	105	107	91	116	105	150	151
26	102	88	95	99	103	100	116	91	136	154
Oct. 3	100	88	102	101	105	93	108	83	113	133
10	101	89	106	107	106	95	103	108	122	174
17	99	88	104	112	106	105	108	98	119	134
24	102	90	98	109	106	97	104	101	120	142
31	102	92	100	110	104	103	108	100	120	137
Nov. 7	98	90	96	106	105	90	97	89	106	133
14	102	92	102	109	105	94	91	97	103	122
21	101	93	97	105	106	113	103	104	107	150
28	99	92	94	99	101	99	102	84	90	123
Dec. 5	106	97	107	106	103	126	128	154	139	132
12	97	94	105	110	108	97	124	80	110	99
19	100	94	72	80	109	90	112	95	105	141
26	94	89	114	90	109	87	97	107	113	136

1/ This is a summary of an experimental report of the movement of eggs from farms into trade channels (receivers handling at least 400 cases weekly).

Table 8.--Egg production on farms, and production of liquid egg, by months, 1958-59

Month	Egg production on farms				
	1958		1959		
	As reported	As a percent of January	As reported	As a percent -- Of January	As a percent -- Of preceding year
	Mil. cases	Pct.	Mil. cases	Pct.	Pct.
January	14.6	100	14.9	100	102
February	13.2	91	14.2	95	107
February adj.*	14.5	99	15.6	105	107
March	15.2	104	16.5	111	109
April	15.3	105	16.1	108	105
May	15.4	105	15.9	107	103
June	14.0	96	14.3	96	102
July	13.6	93	13.7	92	101
August	13.0	89	13.1	88	101
September	12.5	86	12.6	85	101
October	13.4	92	13.3	89	99
November	13.7	94	13.2	88	96
December	14.6	100	14.3	96	97
Total 1/	168.6		172.1		102

Month	Production of liquid egg				
	1958		1959		
	As reported	As a percent of January	As reported	As a percent -- Of January	As a percent -- Of preceding year
	Mil. lb.	Pct.	Mil. lb.	Pct.	Pct.
January	31.3	100	36.4	100	116
February	36.9	118	55.7	153	151
February adj.*	40.6	130	61.3	168	151
March	33.9	108	78.3	215	231
April	64.8	207	102.8	282	159
May	87.7	280	111.5	306	127
June	75.8	242	95.5	262	126
July	44.4	142	64.1	176	144
August	28.2	90	46.2	127	164
September	15.7	50	32.8	90	210
October	16.9	54	22.4	62	133
November	16.7	53	21.3	59	128
December	28.6	91			
Total 1/	480.8				

1/ Totals obtained from unrounded data.
* Increased 10 percent to compensate for short month.

Table 9.--Egg-feed price ratio, chickens raised and subsequent number of pullets on farms, 1925 to date

Year	Egg-feed price ratio weighted average 1/	Chickens raised 2/	Sexed pullets bought as a percent of total chickens purchased	Pullets on farms 3/: As reported: Oct. 1	Pullets on farms 3/: As reported: Jan. 1 following	Pullets on farms 3/: As a percentage of chickens raised: Oct. 1	Pullets on farms 3/: As a percentage of chickens raised: Jan. 1 following	Percentage of preceding year: Egg-feed price ratio weighted average 1/	Percentage of preceding year: Farmers intentions to purchase Chicks	Percentage of preceding year: Chickens raised	Percentage of preceding year: Pullets on farms Jan. 1 following
	Lb.	Mil.	Pct.	Mil.	Mil.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
1925	12.9	679								103	
1926	13.5	718						105		106	
1927	13.4	750						99		104	
1928	12.2	700						91		93	
1929	13.1	751			253		34	107		107	
1930	13.8	777			244		31	105		103	96
1931	10.6	709		240	230	34	32	77		91	94
1932	11.6	736		254	237	34	32	109		104	103
1933	14.3	750		254	238	34	32	123		102	100
1934	10.9	644		229	212	36	33	76		86	89
1935	11.4	658		242	226	37	34	105		102	107
1936	13.1	715		271	249	38	35	115		109	110
1937	9.4	601		248	215	41	36	72		84	86
1938	11.4	651		276	242	42	37	121	108	108	113
1939	12.6	697		287	254	41	36	111	108	107	105
1940	10.4	634		292	240	46	38	83	96	91	94
1941	11.5	745		328	278	44	37	111	109	118	116
1942	13.2	844	21	363	319	43	38	115	112	113	115
1943	14.7	1,001	17	393	350	39	35	111	116	119	110
1944	11.2	832	20	347	301	42	36	76	83	83	86
1945	12.8	890	18	371	322	42	36	114	96	107	107
1946	11.9	738	22	325	281	44	38	93	86	83	87
1947	11.3	719	26	326	278	45	39	95	94	97	99
1948	9.8	615	30	301	258	49	42	87	80	86	93
1949	12.7	705	31	324	287	46	41	130	107	115	111
1950	9.6	620	32	283	258	46	42	76	88	77	90
1951	11.4	623	33	288	261	46	42	119	96	101	101
1952	9.1	561	37	259	238	46	42	80	90	90	91
1953	11.3	548	42	266	255	48	46	124	96	98	107
1954	10.9	540	49	273	257	51	48	96	100	99	101
1955	9.7	462	50	242	239	52	52	89	82	86	93
1956	12.1	479	53	259	250	54	52	125	103	104	105
1957 4/	9.3	397	60	226	225	57	57	77	91	83	90
1958 4/	11.9	432	65	252	244	58	56	128	106	109	108
1959 5/	9.5(11.3)	401	6/66	228		57		80	99	93	
1960 7/	(9.4)							(83)			

1/ Weights are as follows: Preceding November, 1; preceding December, 2; January, 3; February, 4; March, 5; April, 3; May, 1.

2/ For farm flock replacement; excluding specialized broilers.

3/ Laying and not yet laying.

4/ Revised.

5/ Preliminary.

6/ Intentions to purchase.

7/ For 1960, November and December; comparable 1959 in parentheses.

Table 10.--Broilers: Price per pound, selected areas, January 1954 to date

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	Ct.	Ct.	Ct.	Ct.	Ct.	Ct.	Ct.	Ct.	Ct.	Ct.	Ct.	Ct.
	(a) U. S. mid-month average price received by farmers, live											
1955	24.4	25.4	29.7	28.4	27.0	27.2	26.5	26.9	25.2	22.0	21.2	19.4
1956	20.6	21.4	21.9	20.8	21.1	20.2	21.4	19.6	18.2	17.2	16.8	16.6
1957	18.0	19.5	19.5	18.8	19.3	20.7	21.4	20.7	18.1	17.0	16.9	16.4
1958	19.9	20.4	21.4	19.4	20.3	21.1	19.3	17.6	16.3	15.8	15.8	15.1
1959	17.4	17.2	17.3	16.3	16.0	15.8	16.1	15.7	15.7	15.0	15.0	17.6
1960												
	(b) Del-Mar-Va, average price, live 1/											
1955	25.2	26.4	30.0	31.7	25.2	28.0	27.9	27.8	26.9	20.7	18.7	19.5
1956	21.2	22.7	23.1	20.4	21.1	19.0	23.2	19.7	18.5	17.9	16.7	17.4
1957	18.0	20.6	21.8	20.2	19.3	21.8	22.3	22.0	19.1	17.2	16.7	16.0
1958	18.6	21.0	22.2	19.3	21.8	22.2	20.2	18.6	16.3	15.8	16.9	15.0
1959	17.3	16.9	16.9	17.0	17.2	16.2	17.7	16.4	16.9	15.2	15.0	19.9
1960	17.0											
	(c) North Georgia, price at farm, live 1/											
1955	22.0	23.7	28.1	29.9	26.0	26.5	24.3	26.0	25.0	21.0	21.1	18.7
1956	21.3	21.1	21.0	19.6	20.0	18.2	21.5	18.7	16.5	16.0	16.3	15.1
1957	17.0	19.7	19.7	19.0	17.5	20.0	20.0	20.0	17.5	15.7	15.4	16.1
1958	17.1	19.0	21.0	19.2	20.0	20.0	19.8	17.0	15.6	15.2	16.1	14.2
1959	14.6	15.1	15.5	15.8	14.9	14.5	15.5	14.6	14.4	13.8	14.0	16.2
1960	15.0											
	(d) San Joaquin Valley of California, monthly average prices paid at ranch, live 2/											
1955	25.2	26.4	31.5	30.0	29.5	29.5	28.1	29.0	27.4	22.4	21.2	19.8
1956	21.0	21.3	21.6	21.6	21.9	22.6	23.9	21.8	20.6	18.3	16.5	19.5
1957	21.0	20.3	22.2	20.3	20.6	22.0	22.8	22.4	19.9	16.5	17.1	17.0
1958	20.8	20.9	23.9	21.0	21.2	22.0	20.5	19.1	16.3	15.9	17.3	15.5
1959	18.6	18.5	18.8	16.9	18.0	18.6	18.8	18.8	16.7	1/14.5	1/15.0	1/18
1960 1/	17.0											
	(e) Chicago, ready-to-cook (ice-packed), monthly average price 3/											
1955	38.7	40.0	45.9	44.7	43.1	42.9	41.5	42.3	39.3	34.8	34.0	32.0
1956	34.0	34.8	35.3	33.6	34.1	32.3	34.5	32.2	30.3	28.7	28.3	26.8
1957	29.5	31.9	31.5	30.9	31.2	33.6	34.2	33.3	29.6	27.9	27.9	27.4
1958	32.8	32.7	34.5	31.8	32.7	33.8	31.7	29.3	27.4	26.4	26.6	25.3
1959	29.2	28.7	28.7	27.9	27.1	26.9	27.3	26.6	26.4	25.8	25.1	1/30.2
1960 1/	28.2											
	(f) New York, ready-to-cook (ice-packed), wholesale lots, monthly average price 4/											
1955	43.8	43.7	48.3	46.7	44.2	45.2	44.6	45.2	43.0	36.6	36.3	36.3
1956	35.8	37.4	37.6	35.4	36.1	35.2	38.4	34.5	33.2	31.6	30.8	30.3
1957	32.7	33.9	33.9	32.8	33.7	35.7	37.4	32.8	32.5	30.5	30.0	29.5
1958	34.8	35.2	36.2	33.4	34.4	35.5	33.0	30.9	28.8	28.0	27.8	26.9
1959	30.4	29.4	29.0	28.4	27.6	27.9	28.1	28.1	27.1	n.a.	27.2	30.8
1960 1/	30.8											

1/ First full week of month.
2/ $2\frac{1}{4}$ pounds and over.
3/ $1\frac{1}{4}$ - $3\frac{1}{4}$ pounds.
4/ 2-3 pounds prior to 1959; 1959, 2-$3\frac{1}{4}$ pounds (mostly price).

Table 11.--Broiler production, 1957-58 and related placements, 1958-59, 22 important States

State	1957 production	Placements related to 1958 production				1958 production	Placements related to 1959 production			
		Last 9 weeks of 1957	First 43 weeks of 1958	Total			Last 9 weeks of 1958	First 43 weeks of 1959	Total	
				Number	As a percentage of preceding year				Number	As a percentage of preceding year
	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Pct.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Pct.
Maine	50.4	8.6	49.9	58.5	116	56.5	10.4	49.1	59.5	102
Connecticut	28.4	4.5	26.6	31.1	109	30.4	4.8	23.6	28.3	91
Pennsylvania	35.3	6.8	37.3	44.1	115	42.3	7.5	32.5	40.0	91
Indiana	42.4	7.5	39.5	47.1	104	44.9	7.3	32.8	40.2	85
Illinois	8.3	1.1	7.6	8.7	102	8.4	1.5	5.9	7.4	85
Missouri	28.2	4.5	30.6	35.1	120	33.9	6.0	32.6	38.6	110
Delaware	93.5	15.9	82.7	98.5	100	94.2	14.3	73.4	87.7	89
Maryland	74.3	13.4	77.6	91.0	112	86.2	15.9	80.2	96.1	106
Virginia	61.6	10.3	54.2	64.6	99	63.5	8.8	46.5	55.2	85
West Virginia	25.2	3.6	25.3	28.9	113	27.3	4.8	23.5	28.3	98
North Carolina	106.4	18.8	121.4	140.2	126	134.6	23.7	121.4	145.1	103
South Carolina	15.7	2.9	15.5	18.5	110	17.6	3.2	14.3	17.5	95
Georgia	261.0	45.2	263.6	308.8	110	292.1	47.5	267.0	314.5	102
Florida	10.9	1.8	9.9	11.7	104	11.3	1.9	8.8	10.7	91
Alabama	103.9	18.8	118.4	137.1	123	131.6	24.0	135.9	159.9	117
Mississippi	66.6	11.3	76.8	88.1	124	85.4	16.8	94.1	110.9	126
Arkansas	110.2	19.2	119.9	139.1	117	133.3	24.7	139.7	164.5	118
Louisiana	17.4	2.5	18.6	21.1	117	20.5	3.7	18.4	22.1	105
Texas	100.8	15.4	103.0	118.3	115	114.9	19.8	92.6	112.4	95
Washington	11.7	1.8	14.3	16.0	130	14.9	2.5	14.0	16.5	103
Oregon	7.7	1.1	7.6	8.7	113	8.3	1.7	9.7	11.4	131
California	43.5	7.5	43.1	50.5	109	47.8	7.6	44.4	52.0	103
Total 22 States	1303.4	222.5	1343.0	1565.5	117	1499.9	258.4	1360.5	1618.9	103
U. S. Total	1447.5					1659.6				

Table 12.--Pullet chick placements for broiler hatchery supply flocks 1/

Month	1956		1957		1958				1959			
	Total		Total		Total		Domestic		Total		Domestic	
	For the month	Sum of this and 6 preceding months	For the month	Sum of this and 6 preceding months	For the month	Sum of this and 6 preceding months	For the month	Sum of this and 6 preceding months	For the month	Sum of this and 6 preceding months	For the month	Sum of this and 6 preceding months
	Mil. chicks	Mil. chicks	Mil. chicks	Mil. chicks	Mil. chicks	Mil. chicks	Mil. chicks	Mil. chicks	Mil. chicks	Mil. chicks	Mil. chicks	Mil. chicks
January	1.9	n.a.	1.9	13.0	2.0	13.5	1.8	n.a.	2.1	17.5	1.9	16.3
February	2.2	n.a.	2.0	13.2	2.3	14.1	2.2	n.a.	2.4	16.8	2.3	15.7
March	2.9	n.a.	2.5	13.9	3.1	15.8	3.0	n.a.	3.4	17.6	3.2	16.4
April	3.0	n.a.	3.0	15.1	3.3	17.2	3.2	n.a.	3.8	18.7	3.6	17.4
May	2.9	n.a.	2.9	16.0	3.6	18.5	3.5	n.a.	3.0	19.1	2.9	17.8
June	2.3	n.a.	2.1	16.2	3.4	20.0	3.2	n.a.	2.6	19.5	2.4	18.2
July	1.8	16.9	1.7	16.1	3.1	20.8	2.9	19.9	2.4	19.7	2.3	18.5
August	1.9	16.9	1.4	15.6	2.7	21.5	2.5	20.5	1.8	19.5	1.7	18.3
September	1.9	16.5	1.9	15.6	2.7	22.0	2.5	20.9	1.7	18.8	1.5	17.5
October	1.9	15.6	2.3	15.3	2.6	21.4	2.5	20.4	2.1	17.4	2.0	16.3
November	1.9	14.5	1.9	14.2	2.2	20.2	2.0	19.2	1.8	15.5	1.7	14.4
December	1.8	13.4	2.2	13.5	2.2	18.8	2.0	17.7	1.7	14.2	1.6	13.2
Annual total 2/	26.2	---	25.9	---	33.1	---	31.4		29.0		26.9	

1/ Includes expected pullet replacements from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per case of eggs. Data as reported by the leading primary breeders of broiler replacement stock.

2/ Totals obtained from unrounded data.

n.a. - not available.

Table 13.- Monthly price and supply of broilers, and red meat supply, 1953 to date

Year	Unit	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Average (weighted) or total
		(a) U. S. average mid-month broiler price, per lb.												
1953	Ct.	27.9	27.7	28.1	28.0	27.2	26.2	28.3	27.9	27.1	26.7	26.0	23.2	27.1
1954	Ct.	24.2	22.6	23.5	24.3	23.7	24.4	25.4	24.9	23.0	21.0	20.1	19.2	23.1
1955	Ct.	24.4	25.4	29.7	28.4	27.0	27.2	26.5	26.9	25.2	22.0	21.2	19.4	25.2
1956	Ct.	20.6	21.4	21.9	20.8	21.1	20.2	21.4	19.6	18.2	17.2	16.8	16.6	19.6
1957	Ct.	18.0	19.5	19.5	18.8	19.3	20.7	21.4	20.7	18.1	17.0	16.9	16.4	18.9
1958	Ct.	19.9	20.4	21.4	19.4	20.3	21.1	19.3	17.6	16.3	15.8	15.8	15.1	18.5
1959	Ct.	17.4	17.2	17.3	16.3	16.0	15.8	16.1	15.7	15.7	15.0	15.0	17.6	1/16.3
		(b) Lagged monthly hatchings of broiler chicks, 2/ (except total which is U. S. broiler production)												
1954	Mil.						3/106.8	3/110.3	3/108.4	3/95.3				1,047.8
1955	Mil.				81.2	92.1	105.4	109.7	115.9	111.8	111.0	98.8	86.9	1,091.7
1956	Mil.	93.4	95.9	102.7	110.9	114.9	132.4	134.9	142.6	137.9	128.4	123.1	106.9	1,343.7
1957	Mil.	107.3	107.8	108.8	128.6	122.4	139.3	141.3	147.6	141.9	143.5	132.2	119.4	4/1,447.5
1958	Mil.	116.4	126.5	140.0	137.2	151.3	163.0	180.7	177.6	172.0	153.0	130.3	133.5	1,659.6
1959	Mil.	133.6	148.0	151.9	148.2	182.2	178.7	173.6	166.2	163.2	145.4	118.7	119.7	
1960	Mil.	128.7	140.8											
		(c) Monthly commercial production of red meats												
1953	Mil.lb.	2,113	1,745	1,897	1,863	1,739	1,821	1,823	1,786	1,965	2,172	2,116	2,152	23,192
1954	Mil.lb.	2,062	1,735	2,020	1,818	1,792	1,912	1,876	1,930	2,071	2,120	2,199	2,270	23,805
1955	Mil.lb.	2,192	1,854	2,176	1,929	1,964	2,001	1,815	2,158	2,227	2,324	2,398	2,433	25,471
1956	Mil.lb.	2,474	2,182	2,264	2,107	2,147	2,059	2,078	2,136	2,070	2,511	2,411	2,204	26,643
1957	Mil.lb.	2,439	2,027	2,098	2,041	2,166	1,917	2,099	2,084	2,098	2,405	2,097	2,096	25,567
1958	Mil.lb.	2,268	1,807	1,907	1,984	1,948	1,934	2,011	1,939	2,119	2,314	1,965	2,182	24,378
1959	Mil.lb.	2,244	1,984	2,087	2,156	2,021	2,071	2,149	2,006	2,251	2,403	2,246		

1/ Simple average.
2/ Through 1957, lagged 3 months; thereafter, lagged 2 months.
3/ Derived.
4/ Revised.

Table 14.--Slaughter of poultry, live weight, in commercial plants, by weeks, 1958-59

Week ending 1/		Young chickens including broilers		Hens and cocks		All turkeys		All poultry 2/	
		1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959
		Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.
Jan.	3	78	79	5	8	10	9	94	97
	10	87	101	9	10	12	7	108	118
	17	82	96	9	11	9	6	100	114
	24	73	86	9	9	5	5	87	101
	31	71	84	8	8	3	6	81	98
Feb.	7	80	94	7	7	2	3	90	105
	14	79	104	7	7	1	3	88	114
	21	74	90	6	7	2	3	83	99
	28	75	87	8	7	1	2	85	96
Mar.	7	78	99	7	7	1	2	86	109
	14	78	99	5	7	2	3	86	110
	21	80	90	5	8	1	4	88	103
	28	85	89	6	9	2	5	94	103
Apr.	4	83	101	7	10	2	3	93	115
	11	90	103	5	10	1	4	97	118
	18	98	102	5	10	1	5	106	117
	25	95	111	6	11	2	4	104	127
May	2	99	106	6	11	3	5	110	124
	9	99	108	7	11	4	6	111	127
	16	94	110	7	12	5	7	107	131
	23	104	108	8	12	7	9	119	130
	30	91	112	7	10	5	8	104	132
June	6	94	113	8	10	8	8	112	133
	13	98	112	11	9	9	10	120	133
	20	98	111	8	9	10	11	117	132
	27	107	120	9	9	10	11	127	142
July	4	96	109	7	6	7	7	110	124
	11	104	107	9	7	10	10	124	125
	18	107	114	11	7	13	11	132	133
	25	112	119	11	8	13	13	137	141
Aug.	1	113	116	12	9	14	14	140	140
	8	109	113	14	11	16	15	140	141
	15	108	117	14	13	19	18	142	150
	22	113	109	16	14	21	20	151	145
	29	122	110	16	14	22	24	162	151
Sept.	5	107	117	16	16	21	27	144	161
	12	112	103	16	14	29	26	159	145
	19	108	111	15	17	33	35	157	164
	26	112	109	18	17	35	40	166	167
Oct.	3	111	115	20	17	40	43	173	176
	10	106	112	22	18	42	46	171	177
	17	114	110	21	20	45	50	181	181
	24	114	103	18	20	48	51	181	174
	31	101	100	18	18	53	55	173	174
Nov.	7	98	104	17	16	53	58	169	180
	14	95	100	17	17	55	58	167	177
	21	90	89	17	18	66	68	175	175
	28	70	69	11	13	40	43	122	125
Dec.	5	100	94	15	15	47	45	163	155
	12	98	87	14	15	52	47	165	150
	19	88	71	15	15	47	41	150	127
	26	62	55	9	9	15	13	87	78
Total 3/		4,940	5,277	571	598	975	1,032	6,530	6,965

1/ Dates are for 1959. 2/ Including ducks and geese. 3/ Totals computed from unrounded data.

Table 15.--Turkey prices, per pound: Selected series, June 1954 to date

Season	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
	(a) Average farm price, mid-month (live), United States											
1954-55	31.3	28.6	27.8	27.6	27.0	28.5	29.6	27.4	29.5	30.4	29.7	28.9
1955-56	29.4	29.6	29.5	31.0	31.2	29.8	30.5	30.6	31.0	31.3	30.8	30.6
1956-57	29.1	28.6	28.3	26.7	25.9	25.9	27.8	26.6	25.3	25.5	25.8	24.2
1957-58	23.3	21.8	22.7	22.9	22.3	23.5	24.5	22.0	24.6	26.7	26.7	27.3
1958-59	25.5	24.5	24.8	23.7	23.9	23.0	23.3	23.9	24.9	23.6	23.0	22.4
1959-60	22.5	22.4	21.9	22.6	22.5	24.9	29.7					
	(b) Live, heavy-type young toms, San Joaquin Valley, California, first day of month 1/											
1954-55	25-26	24-25	24-25	24	22-22½	23-24	23-24	21½-23	---	---	---	---
1955-56	25-26	28	27	27-29½	29-30	26½-27	26½-27	---	---	---	---	---
1956-57	30-33	28	25-26	24½-26	25-25½	23-24½	26-28	---	---	---	---	---
1957-58	20-21	17	18-19	21	19½	18½-19	20-21	17-19	---	---	---	---
1958-59	22-23	21	23	20-21	20	19-19½	19-20	22	---	---	---	18-19
1959-60	24-24½	24-29	21	19½-22½	21-22	23-23½	30-31	---				
	(c) Live, heavy-type hens, San Josquin Valley, California, first day of month 1/											
1954-55	26	28	28	28	28	31-32	31½-32	---	---	---	---	---
1955-56	25-26	30	29	30½-31	34½-35	33	31½-32½	---	---	---	---	---
1956-57	31	27-28	26½	27½-28	27-27½	25½-26	25½-26	---	---	---	---	24
1957-58	22	20	20-21	21½-22	22	22-22½	27-27¼	24	---	---	---	---
1958-59	28	26	26½	24	24-24½	23-23½	22-23	---	---	---	---	18-19
1959-60	24-24½	22	21-21¼	21½-22½	23	25-25½	33	---				
	(d) Frozen eviscerated toms, heaviest weights quoted, New York City, first day of month 1/											
1954-55	50-52	46½-49	47-49	47-49	46½-49	44-48	43½-46	43-45	44-48	44½-48	46-49	47½-50½
1955-56	48½-52½	49½-53	51-54	55½-57	50½-54	48-50	47½-48½	53-54	54-55	54-55	57½-58	61½-62
1956-57	64-65	65-65½	65½-66	60-61	50-52	43-44½	48-49½	47½-49	46-47	44-44½	45-46½	42-44
1957-58	44-45	40-43	40-41	37½-40½	38-39½	38-40½	40-41½	39-41	38½-41	38½-40½	38½-40½	41-42
1958-59	42½-43½	42-43	40½-42	39-41	40-43	39½-43	39-43	40½-44	44-46½	44-46½	44-46½	44-46
1959-60	50½-53	54-55	50-51½	47½-50½	51½-53	47-51	47½-53	45½-49				
	(e) Frozen eviscerated hens, 12-14 pounds, New York City, first day of month 1/											
1954-55	---	51-53	45½-48	48-49½	47-49	49½-51	51-53	48-51	48-51	48-50	48-50	51½-53½
1955-56	51½-53½	50-52	48-49½	49½-51	51-52½	52-54	50½-52	50-51	50-51	49½-51	50-51½	53½-54
1956-57	52½-53½	47-48½	46-47	43½-44½	44-44½	44-45	44-45½	42-43	39-40	39½-41½	42½-43½	---
1957-58	42½-43½	---	37-38	37½-38	38-39	40-40½	43-44	43-44	43-44	46-47	50-50½	2/45-46
1958-59	49-50	45-46	41½-42½	40-41½	40-41½	40-41½	39-41	39-40½	40-41	40-41	38-40	37-39
1959-60	38-40	36-38½	35½-37½	35-37½	37-39	40½-42½	46-47½	48½-50				
	(f) Live, Beltsville Small Whites, Shenandoah Valley, Virginia and West Virginia, first day of month 1/											
1954-55	30-31	27-29½	26-26½	27½-28	29	31-32	32	28	30	30	30	31
1955-56	31	30½-31	30-30½	30-30½	30½-31	30-31½	28-28½	29½	---	33	30-31	29-30
1956-57	29	26½-27	26½	25-26	25	25½-26	26-27	26	26-27	26	26	24-25
1957-58	23-23½	23	23	23-23½	23-23½	24½-25	30	24-25	27	30	30	28½-30
1958-59	28	25-26	24½-25	24-25	24-24½	25½-26½	24-25	23	25	25-25½	21-22	22-22½
1959-60	22-22½	22½-23	20	20	20-20½	24¾	26½	25				
	(g) Live, heavy-type toms, Iowa, first Friday of month 3/											
1954-55	---	---	24½	26	24-24½	23-24	25-25½	20-23	---	23½	---	20-22
1955-56	---	---	27	29-31	30	26-27	28-28½	---	---	---	---	28-30½
1956-57	28-30	28	29-30	25-25½	24-25	23-23½	27-30	---	---	---	---	---
1957-58	---	21	20	19½-20½	20-20½	20	22-22¾	21	---	---	---	---
1958-59	---	---	24	22	22-22¼	20	20-21½	---	---	---	---	---
1959-60	---	4/27-33	20-21	20-23	24-25	24-25	30	---				
	(h) Live, heavy-type hens, Iowa, first Friday of month 3/											
1954-55	---	---	28	30¼-30½	29-30	32½-33	35-35½	---	27½	---	---	---
1955-56	---	32-33	30½-31½	34	37	33	32-34	---	---	---	---	28-28½
1956-57	27½-28	28	28½	26-26½	27½-28	27-27½	28-28½	---	---	---	---	---
1957-58	---	21½-22	23	22-23	23-24	25	28-28¼	---	---	---	---	---
1958-59	---	27	26½-27	25	26-26½	24	23	---	---	---	---	---
1959-60	---	22-23	21½-22	22-22½	23¾-24	25-25½	29	---				

1/ Or next date when quotation is available. 2/ 14-15 pounds. 3/ Beginning 1958, first day of month, or first business day thereafter. 4/ Toms 25 pounds and up.

Table 16.--Turkeys: Storage stocks, number raised and sold, and prices received by farmers, 1940 to date

Year	Jan. 1 storage stocks	Turkeys raised, by breed type			Turkeys sold from farms		Dec. 31 storage stocks	Average civilian consumption, ready-to-cook equivalent	Prices received by farmers, per pound, liveweight			
		Heavy	Light	Total	Number	Weight			Weighted average, calendar year	Simple average: Calendar year	Simple average: Year beginning Oct.	Simple average: 4 months Oct. through following Jan.
	Mil. lb.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Lb.	Ct.	Ct.	Ct.	Ct.
1940	52			33.8	33.6	506	61	2.9	15.2	14.0	15.6	15.4
1941	61			32.6	30.9	491	50	2.9	19.9	16.8	19.9	20.1
1942	50			32.5	32.1	523	36	3.0	27.5	21.6	28.3	27.4
1943	36			31.8	29.9	485	37	2.7	32.7	29.6	31.2	32.1
1944	37			35.1	34.3	577	73	2.7	33.9	31.6	33.4	33.6
1945	73			42.9	41.0	715	108	3.5	33.7	33.3	32.2	32.9
1946	108			40.1	41.0	740	128	3.7	36.3	33.2	32.0	35.6
1947	128			34.0	34.9	634	83	3.6	36.5	31.9	38.5	37.2
1948	93			31.5	30.0	549	51	3.1	46.8	41.0	41.0	47.4
1949	51			41.3	39.8	748	127	3.3	35.2	38.0	31.9	34.0
1950	127	1/ 39.1	1/ 5.3	44.4	43.6	808	110	4.1	32.9	31.5	34.6	33.1
1951	110	1/ 42.1	1/ 11.2	53.3	51.7	927	107	4.4	37.5	35.9	34.8	37.6
1952	107	1/ 44.3	1/ 18.1	62.3	62.1	1,049	147	4.7	33.6	33.8	33.0	33.7
1953	147	43.4	16.4	59.8	59.1	999	122	4.8	33.7	33.1	31.8	33.7
1954	122	48.5	19.2	67.7	66.9	1,149	121	5.3	28.8	30.4	29.2	28.1
1955	121	48.8	16.8	65.6	64.8	1,079	95	5.0	30.2	29.7	29.9	30.5
1956	95	63.1	13.6	76.7	75.0	1,247	162	5.2	27.2	28.9	24.8	26.6
1957	162	67.9	13.3	81.2	80.4	1,343	177	5.9	23.4	24.0	24.7	23.1
1958	177	66.1	12.2	78.3	77.0	1,316	162	5.8	23.9	24.7	23.1	23.5
1959 2/	162	66.4	15.4	81.9			151	6.0				
1960	151											

1/ Derived.
2/ Preliminary.

Table 17.--Turkey poults: Monthly hatchings in commercial hatcheries, available data, and calendar year totals of turkeys raised, United States, September 1953 to date

Year	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Number raised 1/
	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.
						(a) All turkeys							
1953-54	0.5	0.4	0.7	1.7	3.0	5.0	11.2	16.2	16.7	10.8	3.9	1.4	67.7
1954-55	.7	.7	1.2	2.2	2.6	3.8	8.9	14.6	17.2	11.6	4.3	1.5	65.6
1955-56	.6	.5	.9	1.9	2.9	5.7	12.4	17.8	19.6	13.4	5.3	1.8	76.7
1956-57	.7	.7	1.5	3.1	4.3	6.7	13.2	18.8	20.0	13.2	4.8	1.6	81.2
1957-58	.6	.5	1.0	2.1	3.3	5.6	12.1	17.3	19.3	14.1	6.5	2.0	2/78.3
1958-59	1.1	1.2	1.8	2.8	3.9	5.9	12.8	17.7	20.6	13.7	5.9	2.1	2/81.9
1959-60	1.2	1.3	1.9	2.6									
						(b) Light-breed turkeys							
1953-54	.4	.4	.7	1.3	1.8	1.7	1.8	2.3	3.3	3.0	2.4	1.3	19.2
1954-55	.7	.7	1.0	1.7	1.4	1.1	1.1	1.8	2.4	2.6	2.2	1.2	16.8
1955-56	.4	.3	.5	.9	.9	.8	1.0	1.6	2.4	2.5	2.2	1.1	13.6
1956-57	.4	.3	.7	1.1	1.0	.8	1.1	1.6	2.4	2.3	1.9	.9	13.3
1957-58	.2	.2	.3	.6	.8	1.0	1.1	1.6	2.2	2.1	2.0	1.1	2/12.2
1958-59	.5	.5	.7	1.1	1.5	1.3	1.7	1.9	2.9	2.1	1.8	1.1	2/15.4
1959-60	.4	.3	.4	.5									
						(c) All heavy-breed turkeys							
1953-54	3/	3/	.1	.3	1.2	3.4	9.4	13.9	13.4	7.7	1.4	0.1	48.5
1954-55	3/	.1	.2	.5	1.2	2.7	7.8	12.8	14.8	9.0	2.1	.3	48.8
1955-56	.1	.2	.4	1.0	2.0	4.9	11.4	16.3	17.2	11.0	3.1	.7	63.1
1956-57	.3	.4	.8	2.0	3.3	5.8	12.1	17.2	17.6	11.0	2.9	.7	67.9
1957-58	.3	.4	.7	1.5	2.5	4.6	10.9	15.8	17.2	11.9	4.5	.9	2/66.1
1958-59	.5	.7	1.1	1.7	2.4	4.6	11.0	15.9	17.7	11.5	4.2	1.1	2/66.4
1959-60	.8	1.0	1.5	2.1									
						(d) Light-feathered heavy-breed turkeys							
1955-56	4/	4/	4/	4/	.9	1.2	1.9	3.0	3.7	2.8	1.6	.7	15.8
1956-57	.3	.4	.6	.9	1.1	1.1	1.6	2.5	3.3	2.6	1.3	.6	14.9
1957-58	.3	.3	.5	.7	.8	.9	1.3	2.2	3.0	2.4	1.6	.8	2/13.9
1958-59	.5	.6	.8	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.9	2.8	3.9	3.1	2.1	1.0	2/18.6
1959-60	.8	.8	1.2	1.2									
						(e) Other heavy-breed turkeys							
1955-56	4/	4/	4/	4/	1.1	3.8	9.5	13.3	13.5	8.2	1.5	3/	47.4
1956-57	3/	3/	.2	1.1	2.2	4.7	10.4	14.7	14.3	8.4	1.6	0.1	52.9
1957-58	3/	.1	.2	.8	1.7	3.7	9.6	13.5	14.1	9.5	2.9	.1	2/52.2
1958-59	3/	.1	.3	.6	1.2	3.5	9.1	13.1	13.7	8.5	2.1	.1	2/47.8
1959-60	3/	.1	.4	.9									

1/ In calendar year beginning January.

2/ Preliminary.

3/ Less than 0.05 million.

4/ Reported series began January 1956.

Table 18.--Turkeys: Indicators of size of crop, early January

Item	Volume current season, as a percentage of year before			
	Beltsville type turkeys	White-feathered heavy turkeys	Bronze turkeys	All turkeys
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Hatchings September-December 1959	108	130	94	103
Eggs in incubators January 1, 1960	36	106	152	94
Breeders tested, July 1 through December 1	49	104	86	83
Intentions (October 1) on size of January 1 breeder flock 1/	84	122	91	96
Intentions to raise turkeys, 1960 2/				

1/ On February 12 information will be available on the January 1 number of breeder hens on on farms.

2/ Information will be available January 18.

Table 19.--Mid-month average prices received by farmers for eggs per dozen, 1953-59, and average 1953-57

(Including data for cover chart)

Year	January	February	March	April	May	June
	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
1953	45.8	42.0	44.7	45.5	45.9	45.7
1954	46.3	45.7	38.7	35.0	33.1	33.0
1955	32.2	39.6	39.8	35.9	33.8	33.8
1956	46.6	40.2	39.6	38.5	37.6	36.4
1957	33.7	33.3	31.1	31.1	29.5	29.6
Average: 1953-57	40.9	40.2	38.8	37.2	36.0	35.7
1958	39.3	37.4	41.4	38.5	36.8	35.2
1959	36.4	35.8	34.1	28.1	25.1	24.9
	July	August	September	October	November	December
1953	47.7	50.2	51.4	53.2	49.7	48.5
1954	34.5	37.4	33.8	32.4	33.9	32.7
1955	35.2	39.5	43.8	43.0	43.4	47.2
1956	36.6	36.9	38.6	38.1	37.2	37.1
1957	32.8	36.9	40.9	43.9	46.0	44.6
Average: 1953-57	37.4	40.2	41.7	42.1	42.0	42.0
1958	36.8	37.7	41.8	39.0	38.9	37.0
1959	30.2	30.9	32.8	31.6	31.3	30.7

Table 20.--Turkey breeders: Testings, intentions, January 1 numbers, and subsequent numbers of turkeys raised; available data, by breed types, 1945 to date

Year	Turkeys tested under NPIP: 12 months ending, July 1	Turkeys tested under NPIP: 6 months ending Jan. 1	Intentions to keep breeders, Jan. 1 1/	Breeders on farms, Jan. 1: As reported	Breeders on farms, Jan. 1: As percent of previous year	Turkeys raised: As reported	Turkeys raised: Per Jan. 1 breeder
	Mil.	Mil.	Pct.	Mil.	Pct.	Mil.	No.
			(a) All turkeys				
1945				4.5	107	42.9	9.5
1946				4.8	107	40.1	8.3
1947				3.8	78	34.0	9.0
1948				2.5	67	31.5	12.4
1949				3.1	124	41.3	13.1
1950				3.3	104	44.4	13.6
1951				3.2	98	53.3	16.6
1952				3.7	115	62.3	16.9
1953	2.7	2.1		3.2	86	59.8	18.9
1954	3.0	2.2		3.1	98	67.7	21.9
1955	2.9	2.2		3.0	97	65.6	21.8
1956	3.1	2.3	112	3.2	107	76.7	23.8
1957	3.8	2.8	114	3.7	114	81.2	22.1
1958	3.5	2.7	95	3.4	93	78.3	23.0
1959	4.0		111	3.7	107	81.9	22.4
1960			96				
			(b) Heavy-breed turkeys				
1950						2/ 39.1	
1951						2/ 42.1	
1952						2/ 44.3	
1953	2.3	1.8		3/		43.4	
1954	2.2	1.7		2.4	91	48.5	19.9
1955	2.4	1.8		2.5	102	48.8	19.7
1956	2.7	2.0	113	2.8	112	63.1	22.7
1957	3.3	2.5	116	3.2	115	67.8	21.2
1958	3.0	2.3	96	3.0	93	65.1	22.3
1959	3.4		107	3.1	103	66.4	21.7
1960			98				
			(c) Light-breed turkeys				
1950						2/ 5.3	
1951						2/ 11.2	
1952						2/ 18.1	
1953	0.5	0.3		3/		16.4	
1954	.8	.5		0.7	140	19.2	29.2
1955	.6	.4		.5	81	16.8	31.5
1956	.5	.3	107	.5	86	13.6	29.9
1957	.5	.3	97	.5	105	13.3	28.0
1958	.5	.4	87	.4	94	12.2	27.2
1959	.6		138	.6	134	15.4	25.7
1960			84				

1/ Intentions as of preceding October, percent of preceding year. 2/ Derived. 3/ Data not comparable with later years.

Table 21.--Turkeys raised and related data; available data, United States 1930 to date

	Absolute numbers			Change from preceding year						
				Number			Percent			
	Turkeys raised	Turkey-feed price ratio 1/	Breeder hens on farms, Jan. 1	Turkeys raised	Turkey-feed price ratio 1/	Breeder hens on farms, Jan. 1 2/	Turkeys raised 2/	Turkey-feed price ratio 1/	Farmers' intentions to raise turkeys	Breeder hens on farms, Jan. 1 2/
	Millions	Pounds	Millions	Millions	Pounds	Millions	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
					a. All turkeys					
1930	17	11.2		-1	-1.9		-6	-15		
1931	18	10.7		1	-0.5		5	-4		
1932	22	14.6		4	3.9		22	36		
1933	23	11.7		1	-2.9		4	-20		
1934	22	8.0		-2	-3.7		-7	-32		
1935	21	7.6		-1	-.4		-4	-5		
1936	28	12.2		7	4.6		34	61		
1937	26	6.6	3.5	-2	-5.6		-8	-46		
1938	27	10.7	3.2	1	4.1	-0.3	4	62	6	-7
1939	34	12.5	3.9	7	1.8	.7	25	17	27	21
1940	34	9.4	4.6	3/	-3.1	.7	1	-25	5	18
1941	33	9.4	3.8	-1	0	-.8	-4	0	-3	-16
1942	33	10.1	4.0	3/	.7	.1	3/	7	8	3
1943	32	12.4	3.9	-1	2.3	-.1	-2	23	12	-2
1944	35	11.3	4.2	3	-1.1	.3	10	-9	2	8
1945	43	11.8	4.5	8	.5	.3	22	4	8	7
1946	40	11.1	4.8	-3	-.7	.3	-6	-6	-5	7
1947	34	10.2	3.8	-6	-.9	-1.1	-15	-8	-16	-22
1948	32	7.7	2.5	-2	-2.5	-1.2	-7	-25	-18	-33
1949	41	13.1	3.1	10	5.4	.6	31	70	25	24
1950	44	10.2	3.3	3	-2.9	.1	8	-22	1	4
1951	53	9.0	3.2	9	-1.2	.1	20	-12	1	-2
1952	62	9.2	3.7	9	.2	.5	17	2	11	15
1953	60	8.2	3.2	-3	-1.0	-.5	-4	-11	-8	-14
1954	68	9.1	3.1	8	.9	-.1	13	11	7	-2
1955	66	7.5	3.0	-2	-1.6	-.1	-3	-18	-4	-3
1956	77	9.0	3.2	11	1.5	.2	17	20	6	7
1957	81	7.5	3.7	4	-1.5	.4	6	-17	10	14
1958 4/	78	7.0	3.4	-3	-.5	-.3	-4	-7	1	-7
1959 4/	82	7.0	3.7	4	0	.2	4	0	5	7
					b. Heavy-breed turkeys					
1953	43		2.7	5/-1			5/-2		-3	
1954	49		2.4	5		-.3	12		6	-9
1955	49		2.5	3/		3/	1		0	2
1956	63		2.8	14		.3	29		14	12
1957	68		3.2	5		.4	8		13	15
1958 4/	66		3.0	-2		-.2	-3		3	-8
1959 4/	66		3.1	3/		.1	3/		3	3
					c. Light-breed turkeys					
1953	16		0.5	5/-2			5/-9		-23	
1954	19		.7	3		.2	17		9	40
1955	17		.5	-2		-.1	-12		-11	-19
1956	14		.5	-3		-.1	-19		-16	-14
1957	13		.5	3/		3/	-2		-3	5
1958 4/	12		.4	-1		3/	-8		-11	-6
1959 4/	15		.6	3		.2	26		16	34

1/ Weighted average of monthly ratios as follows: 1930-44, preceding October, 1; preceding November, 4; preceding December, 4; January, 1. 1945 to date, preceding October, 2; preceding November, 4; preceding December, 3; January 1. 2/ Computed from unrounded data. 3/ Change smaller than 0.5. 4/ Preliminary. 5/ Derived.

Table 22.--Turkeys: Storage stocks, monthly, United States, 1950 to date, and weekly, 35 cities, February 1959 to date

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.	Mil. lb.
	(a) First-of-month, United States											
1950	127	138	129	113	93	77	64	47	37	43	77	108
1951	110	117	101	80	60	48	39	30	25	42	83	109
1952	107	116	107	93	72	63	56	46	44	71	142	158
1953	147	143	118	92	72	60	53	44	46	69	126	135
1954	122	125	109	97	79	69	57	48	51	78	141	447
1955	121	124	111	93	71	60	52	45	48	77	144	129
1956	95	96	83	64	49	41	36	36	53	98	197	194
1957	162	170	150	137	109	98	92	90	102	149	241	220
1958	177	179	154	131	105	84	80	79	104	161	255	208
1959	162	160	141	112	87	67	65	67	87	134	220	182
1960	151											
	(b) Weekly, 35 cities											
Weeks 1/	1960	1959										
First	71	78	70	58	45	33	31	34	43	63	108	90
Second		76	69	55	42	33	31	35	46	71	112	91
Third		73	65	51	39	33	32	37	50	80	98	85
Fourth		72	60	48	36	32	33	39	56	88	84	72
Fifth					34			42		98		

1/ Holdings on successive Saturdays of each month.

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